

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended)      A polarimeter comprising:
- a sequential arrangement of an LED light source, a first polarizer, a material sample, a  $\frac{1}{4}$  wave plate, and a second polarizer substantially aligned along a central axis;
- the orientation of the first polarizer to the  $\frac{1}{4}$  wave plate being fixed; ~~and~~
- the second polarizer being rotatable about the central axis; and
- the second polarizer and the  $\frac{1}{4}$  wave plate being mounted in a holder that is moveable along the central axis in order to change a distance between the holder and the first polarizer.
2. (original)      The polarimeter of claim 1 wherein the LED light source has an emission maximum at a wavelength from about 510 nm to about 540 nm.
3. (original)      The polarimeter of claim 1 wherein the LED light source is comprised of multiple LEDs arranged to provide an even illumination field.
4. (original)      The polarimeter of claim 2 wherein the LED light source emits at 528 nm.
5. (original)      The polarimeter of claim 1 wherein the first polarizer comprises a polarizing film.
- Claim 6 (canceled).
7. (currently amended)      The polarimeter of claim ~~7~~ 1 wherein the second polarizer has indicia for determining the degree of rotation.
8. (original)      The polarimeter of claim 5 wherein the polarizing film has an extinction ratio of about 10,000:1 or greater.

9. (original)        The polarimeter of claim 8 wherein the LED light source has an emission maximum at a wavelength from about 510 nm to about 540 nm.

10. (original)       The polarimeter of claim 9 wherein the LED light source is comprised of multiple LEDs arranged to provide an even illumination field.